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Weekly Views

From the Office of Edwin G. Buss, Commissioner

"He who knows no hardships will know no hardihood. He who faces no calamity will need no courage. Mysterious though it is, the characteristics in human nature which we love best grow in a soil with a strong mixture of troubles."

~ Harry Emerson Fosdick

Friday, August 8, 2008

Indianapolis Juvenile Correctional Facility received a 97.8% score for non-mandatory files and 100% score for mandatory files during its recent ACA audit. The ACA team gave special recognition to the program at the Eliza Hendricks School.

A community service crew made up of staff and students from Camp Summit helped complete construction of 2 new Habitat for Humanity homes in LaPorte this week. These homes represent the 10th and 11th homes Camp Summit has helped construct.

The Indiana Canine Assistance Network (ICAN) held its 5th graduation ceremony this week at the Indiana Women's Prison. The ceremony was the culmination of 2 weeks of training, in which the recipients were taught how to work with their dogs.

The Miami Correctional Facility PLUS Unit hosted an Offender Arts and Crafts Show at the Old Peru Firehouse in Peru, Indiana. The show was a great success, and all auction proceeds will go to the Miami County YMCA's Youth Fitness Room.

A Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility offender and re-entry staff members assisted at the Indiana State Fair to help set up Pioneer Village. This is an annual community service project and collaboration.

A Community Advisory Board meeting was held at the Putnamville Correctional Facility. Members were apprised of facility updates and ASCA Data information, toured a housing and segregation unit and the Chapel, and observed programming.

Pendleton Correctional Facility recently conducted a PREP (Prevention Relationship Enhancement Program) weekend. 8 offenders inside the walls and fifteen 15 offenders housed at the facility's level one outside dorm participated in the event.

Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility held a CLIFF Graduation, and to date, the program has graduated 107 students.

Eliza Hendricks School at IJCF has met the requirements established by the AdvancED Accreditation Commission and was awarded continuing accreditation by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement.

The 2008 Friends Fellowship Bible Study Seminar was held at The Indiana Women's Prison. This group of volunteers provides Bible studies, worship services, and various volunteer programs to the prison.

Pendleton Correctional Facility recently donated 30 bicycles to the Indiana Soldiers and Sailors Home that were refurbished by offenders assigned to the facility's Shifting Gears program.

New Castle Correctional Facility was able to raise \$3,000 to be donated to two local schools. The facility donated \$1500 to the Shenandoah FFA and \$1500 to the Blue River Band Boosters. This is the second donation from offenders at New Castle.

Wabash Valley Correctional Facility raised \$1,125 for the NAAWS "Make a Smile" campaign. The funds will be put to good use, helping to build playgrounds for youth in areas impacted by Hurricane Katrina.

Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility held its first incentive party for offenders who received all of their incentive points for good behavior during the month of July. There were 27 offenders able to participate in this event.

The Plainfield Correctional Complex E-Squad Team raised \$1,383.55 to participate in the Special Olympics Indiana Fed Ex Plane Pull. The E-Squad Field Commander agreed to kiss a goat when \$200 was raised for this event.

The PLUS Unit from Madison Correctional Facility had an etiquette lesson this week, combined with a fine dining experience. In addition to the etiquette lesson, the dinner was in celebration of the PLUS Unit reaching full capacity for the first time.

Correctional Industrial Facility's PLUS Unit donated \$500 to The Villages Campaign.

During the past 6 six weeks, the Plainfield Re-Entry Educational Facility (PREF) has donated over 4 tons of produce to the federal, Plant a Row for the Hungry program. The garden is maintained by the facility's Landscape Management class.

The Saints Prison Ministry came to the Indiana State Prison to play softball. The Saints Prison Ministry is based in New Jersey and travels to promote community involvement to raise morale and contact between the offenders and society.